



MAY TIP SAVINGS: \$50-\$400/YR
Avoided Emissions of CO₂: 100- 600 lbs./YR

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THIRSTY FOR SIMPLE WAYS TO SAVE WATER?

Resources to help you save water are overflowing!

They've been hard to miss... stories in the news about drought, a Tier 1 shortage on the Colorado River and now Mesa has activated a Stage 1 Water Watch of our Water Shortage Management Plan. It's time to make our best effort to save every precious drop. After all, saving water is like keeping money in the bank for those rainy... ahem... non-rainy days! Here are four simple ways to save:

*It's Time
to Save
EVERY DROP!*

1. CHANGE YOUR WATER USE HABITS

Water – Use It Wisely offers 100+ every-day tips, a calendar of local landscape classes, an online landscape watering guide, fun games and contests for youth, and more! Take shorter showers, wash with only full loads in your clothes or dishwasher, and please don't leave the water running! www.wateruseitwisely.com.

2. INSTALL WATER-SAVING FIXTURES AND/OR APPLIANCES

WaterSense is a product labeling program that helps consumer's select water-efficient choices (similar to the ENERGY STAR program). For best performance and efficiency, look for the label on toilets, showerheads, faucets, and more. www.epa.gov/watersense.



3. IDENTIFY AND FIX LEAKS

Find and Fix Leaks that are Draining Your Budget will help you find and repair leaks. The average household loses more than 10,000 gallons of water a year through leaks or malfunctioning toilets, water softeners, or pool pumps – gasp! Free copies are available or visit www.smarthomewaterguide.org.

4. REDUCE OUTDOOR WATER USE

Up to 70% of water use is outdoors, so managing your landscape water use is one of the easiest ways to save water around your home. Find the resources mentioned at www.mesaaz.gov/conservation.

- **Water Just the Right Amount:** Watering properly is an art and a science, and that's why we offer a free booklet/online version of *Landscape Watering by the Numbers: A Guide for the Arizona Desert*.
- **Landscape Design with Water in Mind:** Xeriscape uses simple ideas to ensure that your landscape is beautiful and water-wise. We have booklets and online versions for design and plant selection.
- **Free Water:** Help your plants thrive by putting rainwater to use in your landscape. Capture rain from roofs, driveways, and sidewalks, and direct it to plants.
- **No More Mowing:** Remove grass and you may qualify for \$575 with our Grass-to-Xeriscape incentive.

GET OUR FREE BOOKLETS TO LEARN MORE

The current news headlines mean it's time to save more, and we want to help. Find all of our **free** water conservation publications and online resources for desert plant selection, landscaping, grass removal, water saving tips for pools, and more by visiting our [publications page](http://www.mesaaz.gov/publications).

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Start saving water, while doing your part for *building a sustainable community*. Call 480-644-3306 or visit www.mesaaz.gov/sustainability for details.

Learn to live Green

